HORSEHEAD CORPORATION SUBMITS HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) announces receipt of Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit applications from Horsehead Corporation. This facility (EPA ID Number TND982144099) is located in Roane County at 199 Truck Route, Rockwood, TN 37854. The application is for the storage and management of hazardous waste in railcars. The Part A application was submitted on January 28, 2015 and the Part B application on October 2, 2015. A Pre-Application Public Meeting was conducted by the facility on December 1, 2015, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m).

Horsehead is a recycling company that recovers zinc and other metals using high temperature metal recovery technology. The operation uses electric arc furnace (EAF) dust and minor quantities of other metal bearing feedstocks as raw material. Most of the EAF dust is shipped from various mini-mills to the facility in fully enclosed, pressure differential (PD) and hopper railroad cars. This EAF dust is stored in railcars at the facility prior to being unloaded directly into process metering bins, which are part of the recycling operation. EAF dust is a listed hazardous waste with a code of K061. The facility includes railroad tracks that can accommodate storage of up to 38 railcars, for a total storage capacity of 7,353 cubic yards.

The facility is in operation and will be allowed to continue operating under Consent Order HWM14-0024 until a final permit decision is made. This Consent Order required Horsehead to submit the Interim Operations Plan, dated July 17, 2015. If the permit is issued, it will allow the facility to continue storing and managing this waste for up to ten years.

The permit will include information on all Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) at the facility, including any previous or ongoing investigations or corrective actions for any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents. The conditions of this permit will require that any future and existing SWMUs or AOCs be evaluated for potential releases and remediation, as necessary.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application, consisting of a Part A and a Part B, must include certain text, drawings and other information adequate to demonstrate that the facility will comply with the various technical and administrative standards applicable to such a facility. Evaluation of the application involves an in-depth review of the application materials by DSWM staff and subsequent correspondence between DSWM and the facility identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information. Once it determines the application is complete, DSWM will make a tentative decision to either grant or deny the permit and issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. Public Notice will be given of this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action. A public hearing, if requested, may also be held to receive public comments within this public comment period. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM Director will issue a final permit decision to either issue or deny the permit. A Response to Comments will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of the application are available online. Visit http://go.usa.gov/crx80 to access the facility information in the Solid Waste Management Dataviewer. Paper copies are available for review at the Rockwood Public Library, 117 N Front St, Rockwood, TN 37854 (865-354-1281); the TDEC Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035); and the DSWM Central Office, TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780).

Further information on the application may be obtained by contacting Mr. Timothy R. Basilone, Vice President - Environmental Affairs, Horsehead Corporation, 4955 Steubenville Pike, Suite 405 Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (724-773-2223). Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Ms. Dilraj Mokha of DSWM's Treatment, Storage and Disposal Section throughout the permit review process at DSWM's Central Office, TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave, 14th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by calling 615-532-0821, emailing Dilraj.Mokha@tn.gov or faxing 615-532-0938.

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